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THIS IS A BAD IDEA. THIS IS A VERY BAD IDEA.
PARKER INDUSTRIES. MIDTOWN MANHATTAN.
ZZZZZZZ...
THE INHUMAN CITY OF NEW ATTILAN.
I HAVE TO GO. YOU SAID THAT THE FUTURE'S ALL CHANGED. THAT 2099'S NOT THAT WASTELAND ANYMORE.
YEAH, I KNOW. BUT NOW SUPER VILLAINS ARE RUNNING THE PLACE WE NEED A PLAN FIRST...
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. MY HUSBAND...MY DAUGHTERS...THEY MAY WELL BE ALIVE THERE. ALIVE AND TRAPPED IN THAT WORLD OF...OF EVIL.
ZZZZZZ...
IT WAS ONE THING WHEN I THOUGHT THEY MIGHT NOT EXIST. BUT NOW SOME SEMBLANCE OF THE WORLD I KNEW HAS RETURNED.
I HAVE TO GO AND SEE IF THEY'RE THERE, AND BRING THEM BACK IF I CAN.
FINE. I'LL COME WITH YOU.
ABSOLUTELY NOT. WE DON'T NEED TO RISK YOU, PLUS I NEED SOMEONE HERE TO BACK ME UP.
BUT I'LL NEED TIME TO GET TO THEM.
ZZZZZZ...
SIGH LYLA.
YES, MIGUEL.
EXTEND THE SAFETY FEATURE. STRETCH THE AUTOMATIC RETURN FUNCTION TO TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.
YES, MIGUEL.
THEN OPEN THE TIME DOOR.
YES, MIGUEL.
SURE YOU DON'T WANT ME ALONG?
POSITIVE. BUT THANKS.

GOOD LUCK.
I'LL NEED IT.
OHMIGOD! OHMIGOD!
BY THE WAY, THE EXIT WAS RECALIBRATED TO A RANDOM NEW PLACE JUST IN CASE ONE OF THE SINISTER SIX DECIDED TO--
TOO LATE. WELL, I'M SURE SHE'LL BE FINE.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, ULYSSES?
ANOTHER VISION?
DO WE NEED TO CONTACT CAPTAIN MARVEL?
Y...YES. YES...
NO...
NO. PETER PARKER. CALL PETER PARKER.
AND GET ME A DRAWING PAD OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I'VE NEVER DRAWN ANYTHING BEFORE, BUT...THIS WAS TOO WEIRD. GOTTA TRY.

MIGUEL O'HARA WAS A YOUNG GENETICS GENIUS EMPLOYED AT THE MEGACORPORATION ALCHEMAX IN THE FUTURE CITY OF NUEVA YORK! ONE OF HIS EXPERIMENTS--TO REPLICATE THE POWERS OF THE PRESENT-DAY SPIDER-MAN--WAS TURNED AGAINST HIM AND REWROTE HIS DNA TO MAKE IT 50 PERCENT SPIDER! AFTER LEARNING HOW TO USE HIS AMAZING NEW ABILITIES, MIGUEL BECAME...

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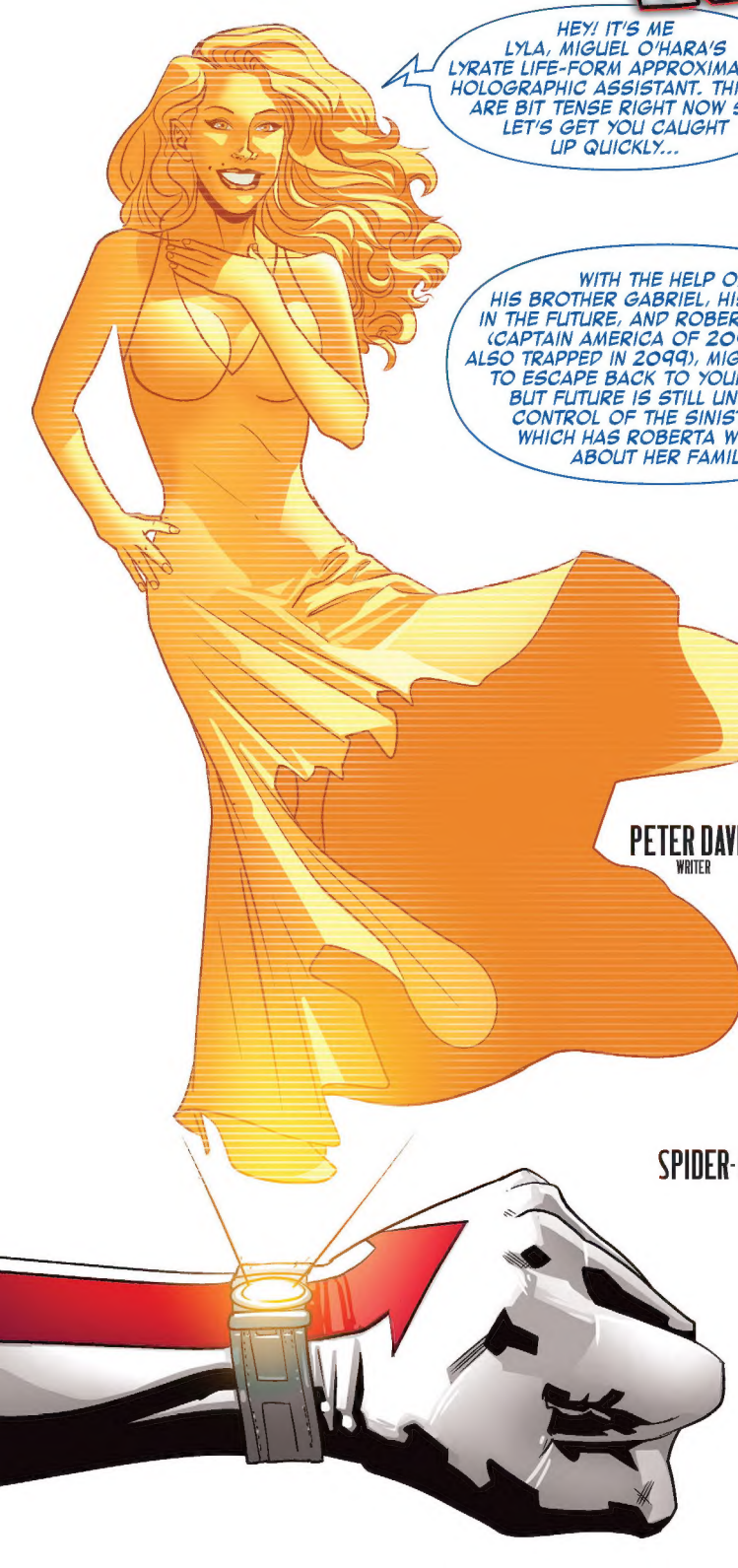

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OOOOOFF!!
2099.
LOCATION UNKNOWN.
UNNNHHH.
SON OF A--!
GET OFF!
YOU WANT TO DO THIS?
YOU REALLY WANT TO DO THIS?
FINE!

KRAAAAK
ANYONE ELSE?
YEAH. GOOD CALL.
HI. ENJOYING THE ZOO?
UHM...
DON'T MISS THE POLAR BEARS. THEY'RE A LOT OF FUN.
ARE YOU GONNA PUNCH THEM, TOO?!
NO IMMEDIATE PLANS, SORRY.
AWWW...
ZOO
AVENGERS YORK ZOO

PARKER INDUSTRIES. THE PRESENT.
JASMINE! WELCOME BACK.
GOOD TO BE HERE, RAUL.
WHY A CANE?
JUST TO PLAY IT SAFE FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS, THAT'S ALL.
WELL, IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU. COME ON. SIT DOWN.
NOW, I DON'T WANT YOU TO STRAIN YOURSELF TOO MUCH.
IN FACT, IF YOU WANT TO GO HOME AFTER LUNCH, THAT MIGHT NOT BE A BAD IDEA.
THAT'S VERY SWEET, RAUL, BUT I'LL BE FINE.
WHERE'S ROBERTA?
I'VE NO IDEA...
SHE'S ON A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FOR ME.
GOOD TO SEE YOU, JAZ.
MIGUEL! HI!
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT...?
HUSH-HUSH. I'LL TELL YOU MORE WHEN I CAN.
I HAVE TO ASK...
TEMPEST?
ALL TAKEN CARE OF. SHE'S SQUARED AWAY SOMEPLACE SAFE.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TELLING ME SHE WAS THERE. I OWE YOU MORE THAN I CAN EVER REPAY.
I JUST FIGURED YOU'D WANT TO KNOW.
WELL, YOU FIGURED RIGHT.
THANK YOU.

2099.
KNOK KNOK
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UHM... HELLO.
UH...HI. I'M LOOKING FOR A HARRY MENDEZ.
WELL, I HOPE YOU FIND HIM.
HONEY? WHO IS THAT AT THE--?
OH MY GOD! DON'T HURT US!
WH-WHAT? WHY WOULD I...?
I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU. I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR A HARRY MEN--
SLAAAMM
--DEZ.
BEEECAUSE THIS USED TO BE MY APARTMENT, SO I FIGURED IT WAS A GOOD PLACE TO START.
BUT I GUESS NOT.
AND I SUPPOSE USING YOUR PHONE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION, SO IT'S OUTSIDE I GO.

SEARCH PHONE NUMBERS FOR A HAROLD MENDEZ.
SEARCHING.
THREE HAROLD MENDEZES FOUND IN THE NUEVA YORK AREA.
CALL THE FIRST ONE.
YEAH?
ARE YOU HAROLD MENDEZ?
YEAH. WHAT THE SHOCK ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?
NEVER MIND.
HAROLD MENDEZ?
YEAH. WHO'RE YOU? IS IT HALLOWEEN ALREADY?
SORRY. WRONG GUY.
THIS IS HAROLD MENDEZ.
HARRY! OH, THANK GOD! HARRY, I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW--
I'M NOT HERE RIGHT NOW.
FOR CRYING OUT LOUD...
BUT IF YOU'LL LEAVE A MESSAGE, I WILL RETURN THE CALL AS SOON AS POS--
TERMINATE CALL. PROVIDE ADDRESS OF SUBJECT.
ADDRESS IS CONFIDENTIAL.
AW, COME ON...!
ADDRESS IS CONFIDENTIAL.
PERFECT.

PUT YOUR HANDS UP.
HUH?
PUT YOUR HANDS BEHIND YOUR HEAD AND DROP TO YOUR KNEES.
I...DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO DO THAT.
THIS REALLY ISN'T NECESSARY, OFFICERS. I'M NOT GOING TO HURT ANYONE.
YOUR CLOTHING AND PHYSICALITY DENOTE YOU AS A SUPER-BEING.
THAT'S... TRUE ENOUGH, YES. BUT I'M NOT OUT TO CAUSE ANY TROUB--
YOU ARE TO BE PROCESSED AND NEUTERED IMMEDIATELY. COME WITH US.
UH... "NEUTERED"? WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
YOUR POWERS ARE TO BE REMOVED AND YOUR COSTUME BURNED.
YEAH... THAT'S NOT HAPPENING.
SURRENDER.
SURRENDER!
WALK AWAY.
AGAIN: NOT HAPPENING.
TAKE HER!!

SO WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS, HUH?
WHAT IN THE--?!
THUUD
THWAAAK
IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY.
ZAAAAAK
ARRHHH!!!
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT. BUT YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE ATTACKED ME.
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'LL BE ON MY--

FREEZE!
OH, NO...
DON'T MOVE! NOT A MUSCLE--!
FWAAAAK
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

RAVAGE.
PAUL-PHILLIP RAVAGE.
WANT TO COME WITH ME, OR WAIT HERE FOR MORE PUBLIC EYES TO SHOW UP?
LEAD THE WAY.

AS SOON AS ROBERTA GETS BACK, WE'RE GOING TO MOUNT ANOTHER ATTACK ON THAT FIST OUTPOST.
THE ONE WHERE THEY SENT YOU INTO THE FUTURE?
THAT'S IT.
ARE YOU PLANNING TO AVOID THAT HAPPENING THIS TIME?
DEFINITELY. EVERYTHING I NEED TO DO TO FIX 2099 IS IN THIS TIME FRA--
MIGUEL! MR. PARKER IS ON THE LINE.
REALLY? I WASN'T EXPECTING A CALL FROM HIM.
OKAY, WELL...PUT HIM ON.
HELLO, MIGGY. PLANNING TO BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF ANYONE TODAY?
WHAT? WHAT'RE YOU...
OH. HEARD ABOUT MARKO, HUH...
TO PUT IT MILDLY, YEAH. I THINK YOU'RE DEALING WITH SOME ANGER ISSUES. SAW IT MYSELF, FIRST-HAND.
TOOK ALL MY SELF-CONTROL NOT TO CLOCK YOU, TO BE HONEST.
YEAH, I SHOULD REALLY APOLOGIZE FOR THE WAY I TALKED TO YOU AT THE HOSPITAL.
I WAS WORKED UP ABOUT TEMPEST, BUT THAT WAS NO REASON TO TREAT YOU THE WAY I DID, ESPECIALLY AFTER YOU HELPED ME.

DARN RIGHT.
OKAY, SO...I'M SORRY.
I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT.
SO IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE CALLING ABOUT...
ACTUALLY, IT'S NOT. IT'S ABOUT ULYSSES.
TRIED READING IT ONCE. COULDN'T HACK THE WHOLE STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS STYLE. GAVE UP HALFWAY THROUGH EPISODE TWO. WHY...?
NOT JOYCE'S BOOK. THE INHUMAN.
WHO?
THE INHUMAN KID! WITH VISIONS! HE HELPED STOP A GIANT GUY FROM DESTROYING THE WORLD!*
I WAS OUT OF TOWN.
WHERE, THE ARCTIC?
*SEE CIVIL WAR II #1 --CHARLES
2099, ACTUALLY.
OH. THROUGH THE TIME GATE, RIGHT. HAVE YOU USED IT RECENTLY?
YEAH, I HAVE.
THEN THAT MUST BE WHAT TRIGGERED IT.
TRIGGERED WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
OPENING THE TIME GATE CAUSED ULYSSES TO HAVE A VISION OF 2099.
TYPICALLY HE DOESN'T SEE THAT FAR INTO THE FUTURE, BUT THE GATE MUST HAVE GIVEN HIM BRIEF ACCESS.
HE ALSO SAW A QUICK FLASH OF PARKER INDUSTRIES, WHICH IS WHY HE CONTACTED ME. BUT THE THING THAT WAS MOST CONCERNING WAS THIS SKETCH HE DID.
YOU TOLD ME ABOUT A FEMALE CAPTAIN AMERICA. THIS IS HER, ISN'T IT?

PARKER
INDUSTRIES
DOES THIS MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?

HOW...
HOW ACCURATE IS THIS? I MEAN, IS THIS ONE HUNDRED PERCENT GOING TO HAPPEN?
NOT NECESSARILY. I MEAN, IF YOU DO NOTHING ABOUT IT, THEN THE ODDS OF IT ACTUALLY OCCURRING GO WAY UP.
BUT IT'S POSSIBLE TO AVERT IT IF YOU TAKE ACTION.
DO YOU NEED ME TO COME ALONG?
NO, IT'S OKAY. I'VE GOT A HANDLE ON IT.
YOU SURE?
GOOD LORD, NO.
ABSOLUTELY.
OKAY, THEN. IT'S YOUR WORLD. I FIGURE YOU KNOW BEST.
NOT REMOTELY.
DEFINITELY. I'M ON IT.
BEST OF LUCK, THEN.
HOLY SHOCK.

HOLY SHOCK, HOLY SHOCK, HOLY SHOCK...
LYLA! PUT ME IN MY COSTUME AND PREP THE TIME VAULT!
ARE YOU SURE, MIGUEL?
YES, I'M SURE. AND COMPLETELY DEACTIVATE THE AUTOMATIC RETURN FAIL-SAFE
BUT KEEP IT RUNNING SO THAT IT WON'T HAVE TO BE REACTIVATED ON THIS END.
THAT WILL BE A SIZABLE ENERGY DRAIN, MIGUEL.
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT THE POWER BILL RIGHT NOW.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. THE ENERGY SUPPLY ISN'T INFINITE. SOONER OR LATER, THE DEVICE WILL POWER DOWN IN ORDER TO RECHARGE.
SO AT THE POINT WHERE YOU WISH TO RETURN, IF IT'S IN A RECYCLING PHASE, I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO BRING YOU BACK IMMEDIATELY.
WELL, THEN CROSS YOUR FINGERS.
FINGERS CROSSED, MIGUEL.
THIS WAS NOT HOW I WAS EXPECTING THIS DAY TO GO.

OH, WELL, THIS IS FANTASTIC.
NUEVA YORK ZOO. THE TIGER PEN.
HI.
HUH. WONDER WHAT SPOOKED HIM?
WELL, I'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT ANOTHER DAY.
RIGHT NOW I HAVE OTHER THINGS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT.
SO, DO I START THERE? AT THE ALCHEMAX BUILDING?
THROW MYSELF RIGHT BACK INTO BATTLE WITH THE SINISTER SIX?
GOD. I WISH I HAD--

BLAAKOWWWW
UHNHHHH!!!
PLASMA CANNON! THAT'S A PLASMA CANNON!
BLAAKOWWWW
THEY USE THOSE AGAINST HEAVY-DUTY THREATS! LIKE THE HULK!
HEAD'S SPINNING... JUST NEED A FEW SECONDS TO--

WAKOWWWWW
OOOFF!!!
WAKOOW
WAKOW
WAKOWW
WAAAKOW
THIS IS UNIT 27. I WAS RIGHT. ANOTHER SUPER SHOWED UP AT THE ZOO.
BUT THIS ONE ISN'T GOING ANYWHERE. HE'S DOWN FOR THE COUNT.
IDENTIFICATION?
COSTUME'S DIFFERENT, BUT I THINK IT'S SPIDER-MAN.

SPIDER-MAN! GOOD GOING, SERGEANT GALLOWS. WILL YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE?
NO, I THINK HE'S TAKEN ENOUGH PUNISHMENT.
I'M BRINGING HIM IN MYSELF.
GALLOWS OUT.
TO BE CONTINUED...